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NATION

Trump vents frustration in tweets

President Donald Trump seeks to shift the focus from investigations into his campaign's ties with Russia to a litany of accusations against Hillary Clinton, a day before the special counsel inquiry reportedly will produce its first indictment in the case. **Page A6**

WORLD

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Thousands rally Sunday for Spanish unity in Barcelona.

Pro-unity Catalans take to the streets

Catalonia residents opposed to independence from Spain rally in Barcelona on Sunday but strike a moderate tone, with many saying they wanted to remain both Catalan and Spanish. **Page A6**

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Sides agree to DNA testing in Trotter case

After years of wrangling, lawyers have agreed to move forward with DNA testing in the 1998 slaying of college student Melissa Trotter. **Page A3**

BUSINESS

New FedEx hub up and running in Houston

Just in time for the busy holiday season, FedEx has opened a new distribution center in Houston, its largest in Texas at 800,000 square feet. **Page B1**

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WORLD SERIES

Game 5: 7:20p.m. Tuesday at Los Angeles

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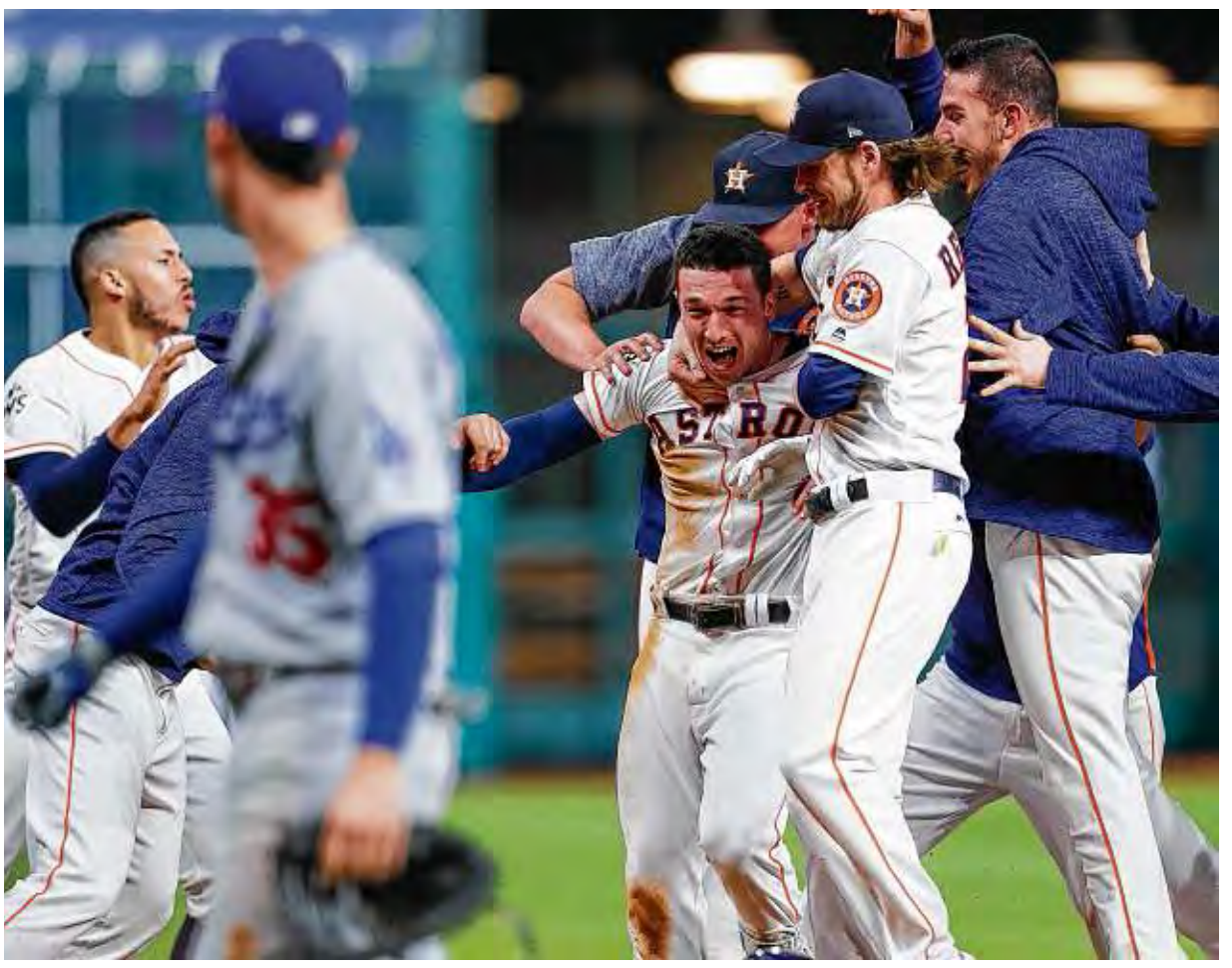

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Alex Bregman is mobbed by teammates after his game-winning hit in the 10th inning of a wild 13-12 Game 5 win.

Fans thankful for memorable season but still hope for ultimate celebration

By Mike Hixenbaugh and Mihir Zaveri

Back on April 3, Susan Welbes arrived early at Minute Maid Park for the Astros' first game of the season, like she always does. She stood behind home plate during batting practice and shouted encouragement to her favorite players. Then, a couple of hours later, she and thousands of others jumped to their feet when George Springer hit a leadoff home run to begin the 2017 season.

"I knew then that this was going to be a fantastic year," Welbes said Sunday, 209 days later, just before Game 5 of the World Series. "It's just been a great ride since then."

With the best-of-seven series against the Los Angeles Dodgers knotted at two games apiece, one thing was certain heading into Sunday's contest: Re-

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Minute Maid Park erupts after a Jose Altuve home run in the Game 5 win Sunday.

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» *One win in L.A. is all it takes now.* **Page F4**

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» *Complete coverage of Game 5 at* ***houstonchronicle.com/astros***

Late delivery
We extended deadlines for Sunday night's **WORLD SERIES GAME**. As a result, today's paper may be delayed. Thank you for your patience.

Districts list needs on TEA registry

Critics question gifting idea, call on state to provide for Harvey-hit schools

By Alejandra Matos

AUSTIN — Texas school districts ravaged by Hurricane Harvey still need thousands of textbooks, dictionaries and other instructional resources, so the state's education agency is borrowing a page from the wedding industry to help cover the costs.

The Texas Education Agency has modified its textbook-ordering system to create a "wedding registry" of sorts where districts can list the textbooks they need to replace those damaged in the storm.

Textbook publishers, individuals or organizations can then donate the books, as can school districts that have excess inventory.

"It was very clear that a lot of people lost a great amount of instructional materials, including textbooks," Commissioner of Education Mike Morath said. "If you consider the scale of Harvey, (the registry) is not solving everyone's problems, but it is helping in places."

The registry is meant to match districts in need with those willing to donate, and officials say those donations will free up money to cover other costs, such as rebuilding schools.

But some question the approach, expressing concerns over delays in instruction as schools wait for the textbooks to arrive, and the impact that will have on student learning.

"If we had books that have been destroyed, then the state needs to step up and take care of that problem," said Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston, who chairs the House Public Education Committee.

So far, 14 districts have created needs-lists in the state's registry, including Humble, Sheldon and Pasadena school dis-

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Freedmen's Town seeks U.N. status

UNESCO representative visits to help in nomination for slave route project

By Cindy George

For all the years the historic bricks of Freedmen's Town in the Fourth Ward were questioned, devalued and disturbed, a new international spotlight is bringing a renewed appreciation for the strenuous efforts to validate, treasure and preserve them.

UNESCO — the Paris-based cultural arm of the United Nations — is considering Freedmen's Town for its Slave Route Project, which is a registry created in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of historically significant sites that tell the global story of the trade in human labor.

Jane Landers, the U.S. envoy for the Slave Route Project, spent three days last week in the Houston area learning about Freedmen's Town and other sites that can be combined for a nomination.

"It's a project to memorialize sites around the

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Jonathan Ferry / Getty Images

All but about 10 Texans players knelt during the national anthem before their game Sunday at Seattle in a simple protest over owner Bob McNair's remarks.

Texans kneel in protest of McNair's 'prison' remark

A 'sense of unity' felt by teammates who then played 'for each other'

By Aaron Wilson

SEATTLE — Two days after controversy created by comments from owner Bob McNair that enraged many players, the majority of the Texans opted to show their displeasure with a simple, quiet gesture at CenturyLink Field.

All but about 10 players joined arms and knelt during the national anthem before Sunday's loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

"It was a lot of emotions going in for our team, just a huge sense of unity," said Texans offensive tackle Duane Brown, an outspoken critic of McNair. "We all felt like playing for each other, forgetting everything else. Once kickoff was started, we tried to block out any more distractions we had."

McNair has apologized twice in statements for his "We can't have the inmates running the prison" remarks at a recent NFL owners meeting, emphasizing that was intended toward employees in the league office, not the players.

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